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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventor: Yukihiro INOUE Group Art Unit: 2811
Appln. No.: 09/768,556 Examiner: S. Gebremariam
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated March 3, 2004, the Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in light of the following remarks.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to their representative during a personal interview on May 25, 2004. A summary of the issues discussed during the interview is included below.

Claims 14 and 6 stand rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Pfiester (US 4,918,510) in view of Applicant's Discussion of the Related Art (ADRA). Claims 13 and 5 stand rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Pfiester in view of the ADRA and Nagatoma et al. (US 5,164,806). Claims 11, 12, 7, and 8 stand rejected, under 35 USC

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